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SUBJECT: UN ADMINISTRATION: STATEMENTS OF SYG AND

ACABQ CHAIRMAN TO FIFTH COMITE OCT 4, 1974

SUMMARY: SYG WALDHEIM MADE TRADITIONAL APPEARANCE BEFORE FIFTH COMITE AND GAVE PRINCIPAL EMPHASIS TO NEED FOR \$60 MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST AND UNEF FINANCING PROBLEM. ACABQ CHAIRMAN THODES MADE "SWAN SONG" SPEECH PHILOSOPHIZING ABOUT PAST AND FUTURE ROLES OF ACABQ. END SUMMARY.

1. WALDHEIM ANNOUNCED THAT HE CURRENTLY CONSULTING UNEF TROOP CONTRIBUTORS AND WILL SOON MAKE REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL UNEF FINANCING WHICH WILL BE "NOT LESS THAN \$20 MILLION ANNUALLY". HE SAID \$60 MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FOR 74/75 BIENNIUM CONSISTED OF \$30 MILLION FOR INFLATION, \$15-\$18 MILLION BECAUSE OF CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS, \$7.5 MILLION FOR PROPOSED SALARY INCREASE AND BALANCE RESULTING FOR NEW LEGISLATIVE DECISIONS SUCH AS SIXTH SPECIAL GA SESSION, WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, MNC'S AND UNIS. WALDHEIM ALSO MENTIONED PROPOSED PERSONNEL REFORMS, REQUESTED ACTION BY 29TH GA ON ICSC STATUTE, SUPPORTED ICSAB PROPOSAL FOR SIX PERCENT SALARY INCREASE AND

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PROMISED EARLY RECOMMENDATIONS ON UNIDO AUTONOMY.

2. IN LAST FORMAL APEARANCE AS ACABQ CHAIRMAN (SINCE HE ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO RETIRE AT END OF 1974) , RHODES CONCURRED WITH SYG ESTIMATE THAT \$60 MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION WILL BE NECESSARY AT 29TH GA, UNLESS MEMBERS WILLING TO INCREASE WORKING CAPITAL FUND OR MAKE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS. RHODES PHILOSOPHIED ON ACABQ ROLE COMMENTING THAT IT HAS DUTY TO RESTRICT APPROPRIATIONS TO MINIMUM NEED, WHILE BELENDING FINANCIAL EXPERTISE WITH AWARENESS OF POLITICAL REALITIES. HE THOUGHT PROGRAM BUDGET COULD BE HELPFUL BUT MIGHT BE USED TO DEPRIVE SYG OF NECESSARY FLEXIBILITY. HE FELT THAT ORDERING OF PRIORITIES WAS NOT REPEAT NOT TASK OF ACABQ, BUT WONDERED WHETHER UN MEMBERSHIP PREPARED TO DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DETERMINING PRIORITIES TO SMALLER GROUP, WHETHER EXPET OR INTERGOVERNMENTAL. SCALI

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